

State of Alaska  
Local Boundary Commission  
550 West 7th Avenue, suite 1790  
Anchorage, Alaska 99051

Dear Commissioners:

I disagree with the Boundary Commission's statements regarding Kasaan's ability to pay borough taxes because we have no tax base in Kasaan, our population is so small, it cannot financially help support a borough, and few, if any Kasaan property owners can even afford property taxes here. To be taxed on land the federal government returned to us under ANCSA is an injustice of monumnetal proportions!

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has the ultimate responsibility to pay for the education of the Native students in the Native villages, and in Alaska, but under it's trust responsibility to us in Kasaan, and in other Native villages, but has chosen to shift these costs and responsibility to the State of Alaska, which is not right and proper. The State of Alaska should not have accepted this responsibility if it could not guarantee it could cover all of those costs, and would receive financial support for the costs to educate Native students in the public school system. It is not right that the Native lands be taxed by a borough, since their rights to be educated at federal expense is inherent, and it cannot be transferred legally to the State of Alaska, or to the taxpayers in the villages.

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